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Mahalo to the council members on the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee for holding the public meeting at Kailua High School on 4/18/2012.

I felt that the meeting was good, well controlled, and had a lot of positive public input. It also showed what the major issue concerning the impact of increasing commercial tourism on Kailua and it's beach parks/beaches.

From my notes these are the issues that reoccurred in testimony all evening long, not listed in any particular order.

1. Kailua's infrastructure is over saturated and inadequate to support the increasing amount of tourism, tour buses, etc. We are at a "tipping point".
2. Kailua Beach Park is overwhelmed with watercraft rentals.
3. Local residents want to keep the beach parks and beaches for Oahu's local population to use and enjoy.
4. Enforcement - current laws are not being enforced. There are no consequences to violators. Escalating civil fines were suggested rather than criminal misdemeanor fines.
5. Safety - note HPD was mentioned as who to call on violations but what the Council needs is input from the Emergency Response and Rescue Crews.
6. Illegal watercraft vendors.
7. There were many references to the General Master Plan for Oahu and specifically the Koolaupoko Development plan. Both of which designated the windward side from Waimanalo to Kahuku/Laie as residential not tourist or large commercial development oriented.
8. Many were concerned with what the future of Kailua would hold for the children and grandchildren.

There were many other subjects touched on like environmental concerns of overuse of the Conservation zoned bird sanctuary islands - Popoia and the Mokulua - permits from DLNR to land there; lack of monitoring of watercraft by the companies who rent them along with fees for rescues; heeding the zoning laws which were enacted to protect the residents; reopening of old concession in the bath house on the Kailua side of Kaelepulu Stream; ID numbers for rental water craft; etc.

There were also concerns expressed that a monopoly would be granted to one company whose place of business is near but not in Kailua Beach Park. Also that a precedent could be set by enacting a law specific to Kailua and it's beach parks and beaches. And that Bill 11 would be good for all the residents of Oahu.

Thank you committee for voting to refer this out of committee to a hearing with the full council.

I leave you with a parting comment. When the B & B law was first past the two areas who residents testified against it were Kahala and Kailua. Councilmembers from other districts didn't feel it would affect their district. Well over 20 years later, I would be willing to say that a good percentage of these other districts are affected by this law and enforcement is almost non existent. Please don't make the same mistake with this law.

Mahalo again for your time, effort, and for listening to concerned residents.

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